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SUBJECT: FOUR NEW TITLES FROM THE AMMAN ARABIC BOOK PROGRAM

[¶1.](#) THE AMMAN BOOK PROGRAM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE FOUR NEW TITLES: "WATER FOR THE FUTURE: THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP, ISRAEL AND JORDAN" BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, "ISLAM, GENDER AND SOCIAL CHANGE" BY YVONNE YAZBEK HADDAD AND JOHN ESPOSITO (EDS), "CORRUPTION AND GOVERNMENT: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND REFORM" BY SUSAN ROSE-ACKERMAN, "BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF CITIZENS: CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE 21ST. CENTURY" BY DON EBERLY.

[¶2.](#) "WATER FOR THE FUTURE" IS A REPORT PREPARED JOINTLY BY THE ROYAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY IN JORDAN, THE PALESTINIAN ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN USA AND THE ISRAELI ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR INSTITUTES MET AND DECIDED THAT THE MOST SERIOUS ISSUE FACING THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL AND THE STUDY AREA IN PARTICULAR, IS WATER SHORTAGE. THIS REPORT IS THE CULMINATION OF THIS JOINT EFFORT, AND PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

[¶3.](#) "BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF CITIZENS" IS A CALL FOR CULTURAL AND CIVIC RENAISSANCE IN AMERICA. A CALL TO REINVENTING CITIZENSHIP: NOT A SENTIMENTALIZED VERSION, BUT A SOCIAL COVENANT INVOLVING HARD WORK AND SACRIFICE. IT ADDRESSES ISSUES LIKE HOW CAN WE REBUILD CONFIDENCE IN SCHOOLS, RESTORE NEIGHBORHOOD INTEGRITY AND MOBILIZE CITIZENS TO RESTORE LOST COMMUNITY? WHAT IS NEEDED TO REBUILD CIVIL SOCIETY, DIMINISH INDIVIDUALISM AND RESTORE SELF RESTRAINT AND CIVILITY?

[¶4.](#) "CORRUPTION AND GOVERNMENT" ADDRESSES A WORLDWIDE PHENOMENON, WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THOSE MAKING THE TRANSITION FROM SOCIALISM PARTICULARLY AT RISK. CORRUPTION IS NOT JUST AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM, IT IS INTERTWINED WITH POLITICS. EFFECTIVE REFORM CANNOT OCCUR UNLESS BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL LEADERS SUPPORT CHANGE.

[¶5.](#) "ISLAM, GENDER AND SOCIAL CHANGE" BY YVONNE YAZBECK HADDAD AND JOHN ESPOSITO (EDS) IS A COMPENDIUM OF ARTICLES ADDRESSING THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL AND EMOTIONALLY CHARGED ASPECT OF ISLAM; ITS EFFECT ON WOMEN IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES. THE ARTICLES ADDRESS GENDER ISSUES IN COUNTRIES LIKE JORDAN, BAHRAIN, OMAN, IRAN, EGYPT, KUWAIT AND THE PHILIPPINES. THEY ADDRESS INITIATIVES TAKEN BY WOMEN IN THESE COUNTRIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO EFFECT SOCIAL CHANGE, AND THE OBSTACLES FACING THEM IN THE PROCESS.

[¶6.](#) TWO COPIES OF EACH OF THE ABOVE TITLES WILL BE SENT TO EACH POST FOR EVALUATION.

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